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SUBJECT: JAL HIJACKING

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1. GOL SOURCES ARE CONVINCED THAT OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY WADI HADDAD OF PFLP. THEY BASE CONVICTION ON REPORTS THEY RECEIVED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO (WHICH THEY MENTIONED TO US AT TIME) THAT HADDAD HAD LEFT LEBANON FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION TO CARRY OUT NEW OPERATION (HE HAS BEEN RECENTLY IN BASRA), PLUS FACTS THAT PFLP TREASURY AGAIN DEPLETED AND TACTICS OF OPERATION SO CLOSELY RESEMBLE THOSE USED BY PFLP TO OBTAIN MONEY FROM FRG LAST FEBRUARY WHEN TREASURY SIMILARLY
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DEPLETED. GOL SOURCES ALSO BELIEVE THAT JAPANESE "RED ARMY" HAD ITS OWN SEPARATE OBJECTIVES RELATING TO ITS RELATIONS WITH GOJ, BUT ARE UNSURE OF WHAT THESE WERE. GOL APPARENTLY DOES NOT HAVE HARD EVIDENCE ON HIJACK OPERATION.

2. WE HAVE HEARD FROM OTHER CONTACTS THAT RESISTANCE SOURCES ARE ALSO CLAIMING PRIVATELY THAT WADI HADDAD AND PFLP BEHIND HIJACKING OPERATION. THESE SOURCES ARE REPORTEDLY EXTREMELY ANGRY AT PFLP AND CLAIM THAT REPERCUSSIONS ON PFLP RELATIONS WITH RESISTANCE WILL BE SERIOUS.

3. CPDPUBLIC DOMAIN, FEDAYEEN DISCLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIJACKING. PRIOR TO THE AIRLINER'S DESTRUCTION PRO-FEDAYEEN DAILY AL MUHARRIR (JULY 24) REPORTED VARIOUS PALESTINIAN ORLNIZATIONS STATED ADVENTURISTS WERE EXPLOITING NAME OF PALESTINE REVOLUTION FOR OWN ENDS. JULY 25 ARTICLE IN SAME PAPER PRINTED Wafa REPORT OF LENGTHY CLAP (PALESTINE RESISTANCE COMMAND) MEETING, WHICH CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT: ((-) THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION NAMED "SONS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES" CONNECTED WITH RESISTANCE MOVEMENT; (B) HIJACKING DETRIMENTAL TO REPUTATION OF PALESTINE REVOLUTION; (C) HOLDING SO MANY HOSTAGES FOR SO LONG CONFLICTS WITH THE HUMANE NATURE OF THE REVOLUTION; (D) ARMED STRUGGLE IN "OCCUPIED TERRITORIES" HAS BEEN GAINING MOMENTUM AND HIJACKING DIVERTS WORLD ATTENTION FROM THAT STRUGGLE; AND (E) WILL MAKE STUDY OF HIJACKING IMPLICATIONS AND MOTIVES.

4. PRO-FEDAYEEN PUBLIC REACTION QUITE IN CONTRAST TO RESPONSE TO KHARTOUM KILLINGS AND INDICATES EXTREME EMBARRASSMENT OF MAJOR FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS. BUFFUM

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